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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. 97,429)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated September 2, 1999. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend the claims as shown below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 18, amend the claims as shown below, and add new claims 19-29. A clean copy of the claims, after amendment, is attached as Appendix A.

14. (Amended) A diagnostic reagent for early detection of Lyme disease comprising recombinant FlaA or P37 protein [produced using a method for producing recombinant FlaA

said expression vector, plating out transformed host cells to generate individual fresh transformant colony of transformed host cells; preparing large scale primary cell cultures from